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SUBJECT: VENEZUELAN REACTION TO TRADE ACT AND AMENDATORY

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1. OPINION REPORTED REFTTEL, THAT PASSAGE OF AMENDATORY PROVISIONS NOW BEFORE CONGRESS WOULD FAIL TO OVERCOME VENEZUELA'S RESENTMENT OVER ITS INCLUSION UNDER ANTI-OPEC GSP EXCLUSIONS OF ORIGINAL TRADE ACT, AND OVER OTHER DISCRIMINATORY ASPECTS OF THAT LEGISLATION, CONTRASTS WITH GENERAL TENOR OF INFORMAL STATEMENTS ON SUBJECT BY OTHER GOV OFFICIALS.

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2. IF ACCURATELY REFLECTIVE OF OFFICIAL GOV THINKING, THIS IS HIGHLY PERTINENT TO LEGISLATIVE EFFORT BY SENATOR BENTSEN TO AMEND TRADE ACT AND ALSO TO BONA FIDES OF VENEZUELAN REPRESENTATIONS ON SUBJECT IN MULTILATERAL INTER-AMERICAN DISCUSSIONS.

3. EMBASSY IS REQUESTED TAKE ANY APPROPRIATE STEPS TO ASSESS EXTENT TO WHICH BAUDER COMMENTS ACCURATELY REPRESENT PRESENT OR POTENTIAL GOV POSITION.

4. IN VIEW OF IMMINENT ARRIVAL ROBERT BEST AND LIKELIHOOD HE WILL BE DISCUSSING POSSIBLE MODIFICATION TRADE ACT, YOU SHOULD BRIEF HIM CAREFULLY ON THIS ASPECT. TO EXTENT FEASIBLE, ADVANTAGE SHOULD ALSO BE TAKEN OF POSSIBLE OPPORTUNITY PROVIDED BY HIS VISIT TO EXPLORE HOW WIDELY BAUDER VIEWS MAY BE HELD. INGERSOLL

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